

HOUSE BILL 158

By Marsh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 221, Part 7, relative to water systems.

WHEREAS, utility districts and municipal and county water systems provide the majority of drinking water to the residents of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, utility districts and municipal and county water systems are public water systems charged with treating water for consumption by the residents of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, utility districts and municipal and county water systems are mandated by law to provide public notification to their customers under certain circumstances in regard to the quality of the drinking water they furnish; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 221, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) If the quarterly analysis of a water sample from a public water system by a certified laboratory confirms that the level of fluoride in the sample exceeds one and one-half milligrams per liter (1.5 mg/L), the public water system from which the sample was taken must:

(1) Obtain laboratory analysis of water samples monthly for fluoride levels; and

(2) Notify all of its customers that a water sample tested exceeded one and one-half milligrams per liter (1.5 mg/L) of fluoride in a manner established by the department.

(b) Once the monthly analysis of water samples for fluoride conducted pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) confirms that the fluoride level in samples is less than one and one-

half milligrams per liter (1.5 mg/L) for three (3) consecutive months, the public water system may resume quarterly laboratory analysis for fluoride.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.